Mr. President,

I would first of all like to take this opportunity to congratulate you on your election as Chairman of the Third Committee.

The interventions in the General Debate, confirm our decision that the post 2015 Development Agenda should have universal reach for all people, without distinction by income, creed or ideology, with global objectives and goals adapted to the realities of each nation.

The ample participation in the High Level meetings on Disabilities and Development, as well as Migration and Development and the adoption of their outcomes, confirm the international commitment with the agenda of inclusion. Mexico considers this to be the premise of a development agenda that allows for poverty and inequality reduction, as well as advancements in the inclusion of the most vulnerable groups. It is essential to guarantee the effective exercise of social rights, while promoting the widest range of social participation.

With the goal of contributing to the definition of the post 2015 development goals, Mexico will convene a meeting to promote a Global Perspective on Inclusion, with the participation of governments, civil society, agencies, funds and programs of the UN, in order to advance in the definition of the minimum rights of human beings and their impact on development policy.

In this context, we welcome the report of the Secretary General entitled “The way forward: disability inclusive development agenda towards 2015 and beyond”. We consider this provides a roadmap for the inclusion of persons with disabilities in development efforts at the international level.

We would also like to welcome the report of the Secretary General on the follow up to the International Year of Older Persons. On this issue, I wish to highlight that in the Human Rights Council, Mexico has supported the establishment of an Independent Expert on the Enjoyment of All Human Rights by Older Persons.
Mexico has in place a social development policy of a new generation, oriented towards ensuring access to a basic standard of rights and the establishment of an affirmative action strategy aimed at children, women, and indigenous peoples, persons with disabilities and older persons.

We are convinced that social programs in the last two decades have permitted us make advancements towards development and have served as a reference to other countries. Our reality has demonstrated that in order to reach inclusion, we need to address all dimensions of poverty, such as health, education, basic services, housing and financial inclusion.

In the case of my country, the overall balance of compliance with the Millennium Development Goals is very positive, but we also recognize that there remain deficiencies. Today, more than 6 million Mexicans live in conditions of extreme poverty.

This is why, the Government of Mexico launched the Nation Crusade against Hunger, that looks to, through the study of the multidimensional aspects of poverty and structural and sustainable actions, counter the conditions that lead to this social deficit. The program pays special attention to accountability as a fundamental element for its effective implementation. Cross cutting actions include family and community perspectives that articulate to public institutions, civil society organizations, academia, and the private sector, with the aim of decreasing vulnerability and promoting a strengthened family.

Mr. President,

The presence and voice of the youth is indispensable in the debates underway. That is why, for me it is important that today I am accompanied by four Youth Delegates from Mexico, whom represent important segments of our country and were chosen through an open selection process. I would invite other youth representatives to speak with them in order to generate proposals to achieve a global alliance for social development, in which human rights, peace and security, social inclusion and the protection of the environment play a central role.

Thank you.